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## Be a Regular Man

There are many men in this county who have not paid their poll taxes. They are good men, but careless. This condition should not exist. It makes no matter whether you are a Republican, Democrat, Progressive, or what not, if you would maintain your self respect as a part and parcel of the government of this state, you should exercise that sovereign right granted you by your state, and put yourself in shape to vote on November 7th, when not only state officers are to be elected, but a President and Vice-President of the United States.

Be a regular man and get your poll tax straight. It is worth the price to feel like a man, and no male twenty-one years old is a man who cannot take his stand by his fellow man and vote his convictions in a free and untrammelled country.

Get right NOW.  
Pay your Poll Tax TODAY.

## The County Fair

The eighth annual fair of the McNairy County Fair Association was held here last week, and it is generally conceded that it is the best one yet held. The attendance was greater than was expected, the weather was good, and the big crowds seemed to enjoy the entire 4 days of the fair. While some of the departments possibly did not contain as numerous exhibits as could be found at other fairs, the exhibits last week were of excellent quality. The entries in the Live Stock Department and in the Agricultural Department represented the best that the county has, and the Floral Hall contained the prettiest exhibits that have been seen in that department. Exhibitors were from the town, the county, different parts of state and from other states. The arrangement of the various exhibits was a splendid one, and the building was crowded during the whole of the fair.

The Association furnished excellent daily programs, and the people seemed to enjoy them. Better racing could not be seen, as some of the fastest horses were to be seen. The interest that the local contests aroused contributed to the success of this part of the program.

There were many high-class, clean attractions on the ground, and the excellent music was furnished by the Leggett & Brown Show's Band. These show people, Leggett & Brown, are Tennesseans, the former living at Humboldt, and the latter at McMinnville, and they do all in their power to help in the entertainment, and to assist the fair in every way possible. The people connected with them appear to be high-class, and their performances are high-class. The patronage they received was liberal, and the people were pleased with the treatment received.

It was a great fair, and the people of the county gave it liberal patronage. Interest in the fair should not be permitted to die out. Right now is the time to begin making preparations for the 1917 fair.

The receipts of the fair put the fair out of debt and with enough left to declare a substantial dividend to the stockholders.

## Louisville Letter

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 15.

Having been sent to this fine Southern town by the Government on some special business, I thought your readers might like to have a little sketch of the trip and the place.

The rush and the roar of business and the hurrying multitudes in the great cities remind one of mighty rivers, but in Washington it is like a quiet lake, where the ripple is ever present, but seldom turbulence or noise. The rows of modest dwellings, and even the granite and marble palaces of Uncle Sam, look puny beside the giant structures of New York, for that city is now twenty times the size of the capital of our nation.

Down through Baltimore, Harrisburg, Johnstown, and onward to the southwest, glide the Pennsylvania trains; the capital of Pennsylvania nestled on the Susquehanna with its



## Preparedness!

Are you ready for Winter? Is your system clear of catarrh? Have Summer colds left you entirely? Have you overcome all effects of Summer foods?

If you haven't, restore your body to full vigor with the old standby

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network of long bridges looks pretty, but we are there only a few minutes; as dusk comes on we come through Johnstown, and some one points out the valley through which on that fatal day some twenty-eight years ago, a flood came down from the mountain reservoir which washed thousands of human lives into eternity; everything nicely built up again and not a sign left of the disaster. In smoky Pittsburg, in which we stop for a few minutes, the night is lighted with a thousand furnaces, and I can see the lurid flames rolling up from the Bessemer steel works, and hear the muffled roar of the mills where puny man is working with Jovian thunderbolts to subdue and fashion the refractory elements for his use. At early morning we roll into Cincinnati and get a fairly good breakfast for seventy cents, and the grinning darky hovers around till you have to give him a tip to get rid of him. Noon finds us in Louisville; we mount a trolley car and offer a dime; the conductor hands us a little envelope with two nickels; we break it open, deposit a nickel, and are soon at a hotel which would be a credit even to New York City; an elegant structure of nearly 500 rooms, and every necessary adjunct to modern luxurious living. I do not mention its name, for some one might think this was a puff for it.

Under my window on the sixth floor, run the cars and walk the crowds of a real city; the brilliant streets at night are good to look at; the theaters are big and good enough for any northern city. Fourth street, Louisville, has its sky-scrapers and its fine stores, and it certainly is a fine old town. It is on the line between the North and South, and partakes of both sides in manners and appearances; the fine old Southern courtesy which prompts a man to take off his hat when ladies are in the elevator, is here in full force, and the darkey everywhere (but always in his place, and quite respectful, too) shows that we are in Dixie.

A poor old blind fiddler scrapes his tired instrument on Fourth street from morning till night; they say he holds the long-distance record for continuous playing, but he tells me eleven hours is as long as he has ever played. He says he is from Columbia, Tenn., "God's country," and intends to get back there soon. It is time that he, his fiddle (and his hearers) were getting a rest.

Louisville has about a quarter of a million people, and seems to be solidly prosperous. Last night I met a man from Nashville, who said he had just been in Memphis, and that town was in fine financial shape. "In fact," he said, "West Tennessee is in better shape than it has been for a long time. Cotton has helped many there, having gone to sixteen cents and better, a pound. I saw an old darkey go into a store there, and order nearly \$100 worth of furniture; he dug down into his pocket and brought up a handful of twenty-dollar gold pieces and said with importance: 'I want de best stuff you've got in de sto!' The darkey said he had paid out of debt on his cotton, and that there were lots of others like him." Cotton has for once vindicated itself but the trouble is that many will go into it heavily to the neglect of more salable things, like pork or grain, and then be at the mercy of the same old low market. But if the people are wise they will save some of their cotton money this time and not put it into the same old crop again, but spread out on corn and hogs, which always command a market.

There is a big hog market here, and as soon as I can, I will write

something about it, as well as other interesting and instructive things about Louisville, before returning to Manhattan.

LINDSAY S. PERKINS.

## Officers, Judges and Clerks Appointed to Hold the General Election at McNairy County on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1916.

1st District. D. F. Steadman, officer; W. T. Boatman, Walter Smith, Ira Coleman, judges; R. W. Taylor, Lee McAlpin, clerks.  
2d District. Hunters. J. A. Moore, officer; Lee Lock, C. N. Foster, Tom Weatherly, judges; C. G. Boatman, J. S. Dunaway, clerks.  
3d District. Rose Creek. John Dillon, officer; J. A. Robinson, Joe Sanders, J. H. Perkins, judges; Chas. Dunaway, Jody Gooch, clerks.  
4th District. J. C. Wood, officer; G. W. Estes, Henry Maness, John Kernodle, judges; Robt. Maxwell, Bate Kernodle, clerks.

5th District. Frank Dancer, officer; John Barnes, John Hamm, G. A. Prather, judges; Alec Dillon, Wm. McMahon, clerks.  
6th District. Caffey. J. W. Williams, officer; N. F. Nichols, I. C. Crow, T. J. Bowers, judges; Odom, Castleberry, Robt. Caffey, clerks.

7th District. Gravelhill. C. D. Hadcock, officer; S. H. McCullar, W. G. Armstrong, J. C. Springer, judges; J. B. Huggins, V. T. Hewett, clerks.  
8th District. Falcon. Jack Clayton, officer; Jobe Curtis, R. C. Browder, D. R. Hurst, judges; Arlie Taylor, Ludy Ray, clerks.

9th District. Selmer. A. H. Jopling, officer; W. H. Alexander, B. T. Baker, H. C. Gooch, judges; Ed Stone, W. C. Moore, clerks.  
10th District. R. I. Hendrix, officer; A. J. Garner, M. T. Inman, Robt. Wagoner, judges; J. B. Smallwood, F. D. Beard, clerks.

11th District. J. R. Swain, officer; J. E. Barham, J. S. Laim, Frank Beard, judges; Harvey Hodges, F. M. Sergunson, clerks.  
12th District. D. Sprs. J. R. Burks, officer; Jo L. Dickerson, Lum Mitchell, G. G. Michie, judges; H. L. Manual, C. P. Wade, clerks.

13th District. P. Hill. John Burks, officer; J. A. Fowler, J. W. Kendrick, W. D. Whittaker, judges; J. P. Huggins, S. V. Chambers, clerks.  
14th District. Stantonville. D. D. Michie, officer; E. W. Wyatt, Jim Chatman, A. R. Boshart, judges; Oscar Wyatt, Charlie Perkins, clerks.

15th District. Lawton. J. A. Walker, officer; John Alexander, J. C. Gilchrist, C. W. Kendrick, judges; Cisco Walker, Jesse Kendrick, clerks.  
16th District. M. L. Harris, officer; Joe Kirby, C. C. Stephens, J. G. Needham, judges; Sidney Pyron, R. B. Wharton, clerks.

17th District. J. E. Jamerson, officer; J. P. H. Smith, W. Oneal, A. M. Sewell, judges; Horace Abernathy, J. O. Sewell, clerks.  
18th District. J. M. Horton, officer; J. A. Weatherford, J. C. Brown, J. M. Willis, judges; Hall Hockaday, Edgar Rains, clerks.

19th District. Chevala. D. L. Dixon, officer; J. L. King, W. P. Surratt, C. C. Turner, judges; Chas. Prince, Oliver Petty, clerks.  
20th District. Guys. G. Hardin, officer; N. V. Miller, J. C. Mullins, J. L. Meeks, judges; Roy Sharp, J. E. Meeks, clerks.

21st District. C. V. Brown, officer; W. E. Parrish, E. E. Kemp, J. W. Scott, judges; Chas. Kemp, O. L. Droke, clerks.  
22nd District. J. B. Jackson, officer; Frank Maness, R. W. Tedford, B. S. Massengill, judges; Hugh Maness, Homer Oneal, clerks.

23rd District. Tillman Henry, officer; W. B. Plunk, Cal Henry, Lewis Stout, judges; John Hodges, J. N. Owens, clerks.  
24th District. John Ramer, officer; J. D. Reed, T. B. Wilmoth, T. J. Dixon, judges; Bob Merrell, Will Curry, clerks.

25th District. E. E. Maness, officer; W. W. Roberson, Pole Hester, Jack Etheridge, judges; Arthur Williams, L. S. Tally, clerks.  
R. M. HOUSTON, Chm.,  
W. H. STONE, Sec.  
B. H. O'NEAL,  
Election Commissioners.

## Chas. H. Gish's STORE NEWS

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Women's, Misses', Boys and Girls' 50c Union Suits at 45c  
Men's Heavy Ribbed or Fleece Underwear at 43c  
Men's \$1.50 Heavy Grey Sweaters at 98c  
Women's Heavy Knit Shirts and Drawers at 45c  
Women's Winter Weight Knit Shirts and Drawers at 23c  
350 pair Women's \$3 to \$4 Shoes at \$1.95  
400 pairs Women's Shoes at 1.45  
Men's Best Make of Overalls at 1.00  
The cleanest, best values in Men's Odd Trousers that we have shown in years at \$1.45, \$1.95 and up to \$3.50  
Hundreds of Men's Sample Hats, that would cost you fully \$1.00 more in any other store, at 98c to \$2.45  
Boys' Suits at less than today's wholesale cost  
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Men's \$15.00 to \$18.00 Suits at \$10.95  
225 Men's Regular \$10.00 Suits at 7.95

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## Bachelors, Take Note!

Somebody—in fact, most everybody—got stung on Woolen Selections this Fall, but we certainly got ours! And about the only man we can think of who can't find what he wants in Clothes at GISH'S is some 'crabbed old bachelor' who claims he never could find any woman good enough for him, and who simply doesn't know the first thing about women or woolens.

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## IF ELECTION WERE OVER?

While Democrats Are Admittedly the Champion Question Fiends, It Is Believed This Quiz Is an Unanswerable as Their Most Childlike Effort.

If election day were past would President Wilson make so little of the principle of arbitration in industrial disputes? Would he be so sure that it is more important to preserve peace, when a great strike is threatened, than it is to make judicial methods rather than force the means of settling differences between capital and labor?

If election day had come and gone would Mr. Wilson keep the national guardsmen of the country in camp on the ground that they may be needed to protect the United States against Mexico? Would there be months of inaction and indecision in which no use is made of a large body of citizen soldiers? Would they not be allowed to go home or else be set in motion to make Mexico as safe a neighbor as the Administration seems to think that it is already?

If election day were past would the President drive through Congress a bill like the shipping bill which is intended to embark the federal government upon a new venture in a hazardous field and use \$50,000,000 of the people's money to buy tonnage held above its normal value or else so owned that it cannot be used without peril of international complications? Is sound public policy behind such a measure or only campaign politics?

If election day were not to be considered would Woodrow Wilson use so many high and mighty words in international notes and do so little to make them mean anything practical? Would his deeds lag so far behind his phrases?—Cleveland Leader.

A man in Washington has made a bust of the President, thus anticipating Mr. Hughes by several weeks.

Discussing the indorsement by the Democratic convention of Texas of Mr. Wilson's Mexican policy, the Houston Post (Dem.) flatly declares: "It is not believed anything like a majority of the people of Texas indorse our Mexican policy, and those in a position to know seriously doubt that the platform adopted expressed the real sentiments of the convention itself."

The Omaha Bee couples woeful waste with watchful waiting as a Democratic failing.

Bolled down, the best that has been said of President Wilson's Mexican policy was that he had good intentions. We've often heard of a road paved with this kind of material.

The President is deceived if he believes that the history he has written is not more praiseworthy than that which he has made.

## The Soldier Vote.

A significant feature following the Maine election was the nature of the soldier vote. It is reported that one Maine battalion hiked 60 miles in two days for the purpose of exercising the franchise.

And we know how they voted! Josephus Daniels might have made a passable secretary of the Salvation Army, but it was pretty rough to impose him on Uncle Sam's fighting navy.

The British censorship is delaying the United States mails almost as annoyingly as Bureaucracy's inefficiency.

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